The Government in consultation with various stakeholders is examining the recommendations of the Task Force. Based on this a new Pharmaceutical Policy is likely to be announced shortly.

Revival of Sindri and Barauni Fertilizer Units

1078. SKRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

SHRI CHITTABRATAMA JUMDAR:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Project and Development India Ltd. (PDIL) has submitted reports on revival of Sindri Unit of FCI, Durgapur, Barauni Unit of HFC and Amjhore unit of PPCL;

(b) if so, when was the report submitted;

(c) the brief out line of the revival report;

(d) Government's time bound action plan on the same?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Reports of PDIL in respect of revival of HFC and FCI units has been received on 7.10.2004 and that of Amjhore unit of PPCL on 2.11.2004.

(c) In respect of Sindri unit, the report has proposed two alternatives. One is to make the plant functional on quick restart basis involving a capital cost of Rs. 169.26 crore with cost of production of Rs. 13024 per MT of urea. Second option is for improving the performance and energy efficiency at a cost of Rs. 386.95 crore with cost of production at Rs. 11938 per MT of urea. FCI Board did not accept this proposal and instead proposed a brown field gas based plant. In the case of Durgapur and Barauni units of HFC, the report has proposed setting up of brown field gas based fertilizer plants. As regards Amjhore unit of PPCL, as the proposal contained in the report was not found techno-economically viable, a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri K.L. Rao was set up to study the viability of mining and selling of Pyrites at the unit directly as fertilizers. The Committee has submitted its report on 15.7.2005.

(d) The revival of these units will depend on the techno-economic viability of the proposals.